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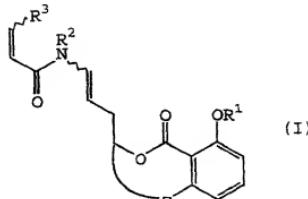
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides vacuolar-type (H<sup>+</sup>)-ATPase-inhibiting compounds, compositions thereof, and methods of using them to treat or prevent a condition treatable by the inhibition of a vacuolar-type (H<sup>+</sup>)-ATPase. The composition of the present invention comprises a compound of the present invention and a carrier. The method of the present invention includes administering a vacuolar-type (H<sup>+</sup>)-ATPase inhibiting-effective amount of a compound of the present invention. The compound of the present invention has formula (I) wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are H, saturated or unsaturated alkyl, aryl, R<sup>4</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>, R<sup>4</sup>CO, or R<sup>4</sup>SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, wherein R<sup>4</sup> is H, saturated or unsaturated alkyl, or aryl; R<sup>3</sup> is H, alkyl, aryl, an oxime, or an oxime methyl ether; the aromatic ring is unsubstituted or substituted; and Z is a contiguous linker comprising a chain of 0-10 atoms which, together with the five atoms beginning with the carbon of the aromatic ring in meta-relationship with OR<sup>1</sup> and ending with the carbon directly attached to the alkyl oxygen of the lactone, integrally form a 5-17 membered ring; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, an ester, or a prodrug thereof.

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